



Third Sunday of Lent
March 3, 2024
Worship begins at 11 a.m.



Black Stone and Red Pebble, Seong Moy

Gathering Around the Word

Prelude *Schmücke dich, o liebe Seele BWV 654* J.S. Bach

Welcome and Announcements Rev. Shannon J. Kershner

Ringling of the Bell

As the tower bell rings, may it call out to the city and the world that Central Presbyterian Church is worshiping God.

✠ Call to Worship Susan Landrum

BASED ON PSALM 86

Our God is a God of compassion and mercy,
slow to get angry,
and filled with unfailing love and faithfulness.

So come, let's worship God together.

For how great is God's love toward us!

✠ Hymn 681 *This is the Day the Lord Hath Made* NUN DANKET ALL' UND

✠ Call to Confession

✠ Prayer of Lenten Confession

Almighty God, in Jesus Christ you called us to be faithful followers, but we do not do what you command. We are often silent when we should speak, fearful when we should be courageous, risk-averse when we are called to be bold in our witness. Have mercy on us, O God. Forgive us, free us, empower us with your living truth, the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ who comes to us and takes on our pain and struggle. Hear us, O God, in the hush of our silence that you may hear those confessions we speak only to you; (Silent Confession)... Amen.

✠ Extinguishing the Third Lenten Candle Kyrie KYRIE ELEISON

Lord have mercy. (Sung three times)

Christ have mercy. (Sung three times)

Lord have mercy. (Sung three times)

✠ Assurance of Pardon
Friends, believe the good news!
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

✠ Passing of the Peace

✠ Hymn Response 167 *Forty Days and Forty Nights* AUS DER TIEFE RUFTE ICH
Stanza 3

**Then if Satan on us press,
flesh or spirit to assail,
victor in the wilderness,
grant that we not faint nor fail!**

During the hymn response, the children are invited to come forward for A Time with Children.

✠ When this symbol precedes an element of the service, please stand as you are comfortable.
Please silence your cellphones.

Proclaiming the Word

A Time with Children

Susan Landrum

Prayer for Illumination

Gary Cornell

First Lesson

Psalm 86:1-13

Second Lesson

Mark 12:1-12

Rev. Shannon J. Kershner

Sermon

Responding to the Word

✠ Hymn 291 *Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness* SPIRIT

✠ Affirmation of Faith Rev. Kate Culver

THE APOSTLES' CREED TRADITIONAL

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into to heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Offertory Sentence

Music at the Offertory

Cornerstone

Shawn L. Kirchner

Chancel Choir; Thomas Chafin, conductor;
Mason Copeland, piano; Hannah Kershner, soloist

✠ At the Presentation *Doxology* OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God throughout these forty days;
Praise Christ, our Lord, whom God did raise;
And praise the Spirit who imparts
God's love in Christ into our hearts. Amen.**

✠ Prayer of Dedication

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving
The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise...

It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise...

...And so, with your people on earth and all of the company of heaven,

we praise your name and join their voices who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Holy, Holy, Holy 552

Capo 3: (D) (A) (D) (G) (A) (D)
 F C F B^b C F

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
 2 Bless - ed is he who comes in the

(A) (D/F#) (F#m) (G) (A) (Bm)
 C F/A Am B^b C Dm

pow - er and might, heav - en and earth are
 name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the

(G) (D) (A) (Bm) (Em7) (A) (Dsus) (D)
 B^b F C Dm Gm7 C Fsus F

full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

TEXT: Trad. liturgical text
 MUSIC: American folk melody; adapt. Marcia Pruner, 1980; arr. Richard Proulx, 1984
 Music Adapt. © 1980 Church Pension Fund
 Music Arr. © 1986 GIA Publications, Inc. LAND OF REST

...For in our waiting, we proclaim “Great is the Mystery of Faith!”

Christ Has Died; Christ Is Risen 566

Capo 3: (Em) (D) (G) (Am) (Em) (B) (C) (D) (A)
 Gm F B^b Cm Gm D E^b F C

Christ has died; Christ is ris-en; Christ will come a - gain.

(Em) (D) (G) (Am) (Em) (B) (C) (D) (Bm7) (E)
 Gm F B^b Cm Gm D E^b F Dm7 G

Christ has died; Christ is ris-en; Christ will come a - gain.

TEXT: Trad. liturgical text
 MUSIC: Marty Haugen, 1984
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The Lord's Prayer

Traditional PC (USA)

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Words of Institution

Communion of the People

We will partake communion via intinction. You may proceed to the station closest to you, pick a piece of bread, dip it into the cup, partake of the elements, and return to your seat. If you are unable to come forward, we will serve you while you remain seated.

Music During Communion

Irish Blessing

Bob Chilcott

Prayer After Communion

Bearing and Following the Word into the World

✠ Hymn 310

I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord

ST. THOMAS

✠ Charge and Benediction

Rev. Shannon J. Kershner

Postlude

Jesu, meine Freude

Thomas Kesecker

Special Participants in Today's Worship

Central Presbyterian Church Staff

Lector: Gary Cornell
Choir Guild: Ann Hunter
Tower Bell Ringer: Bobbie Paul
Chancel Choir
Dean Hammond,
Volunteer Technology Director

Hospitality Team
Beth Grashof
Kevin Byers
Tricia Downing
Martha Kimes
Em McNair
Annastassia Pons
Isabelle Werber

The Rev. Shannon Johnson Kershner,
Senior Pastor and Head of Staff
The Rev. Kate Culver, Associate Pastor
Susan Landrum, Director of Family Ministries
Mason Copeland, Organist/Music Associate
Kristie Johns, Business Administrator
Mark Wallace Maguire,
Director of Communications
Melissa Johnson,
Executive Assistant & Event Coordinator
John White, Facilities Manager
Abraha Diedre, Custodian
Alex Johns, Communications Associate
Karen Brown,
Pianist, Bethlehem & Jerusalem Choir
Courtney Anne Henry, Children & Youth Fellow
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